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factors and commonly persisting through cycles of climatic and
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cdiliy—betas white (fr. OHG hwit, wiz); akin to OE wihelu nobility—more at ATRELING, WHITE] 1: a small perennial herb (Leonopodlum alpinum) having a dense woolly white pubescence and growing high in the Alpa 2: a New Zealand herb (Leucogenes leontopodlum) related to and closely resembling the European edelweiss 3: any of various plants of the genus Gnaphallum ederma also oe-de-ma \alpha \alpha demas \alpha \cdot demas \alpha oe-de-ma \alpha \alpha demas \alpha \cdot oe-de-ma \alpha \cdot \alpha demas \cdot \cdot oe-de-ma \alpha \cdot \alpha demas \cdot \cdot oe-de-ma \alpha \cdot \alpha demas \cdot \cdot

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n pl, cap [NL, fr. Gk NL -sauria]: a suborder of phosauridae and certain re-- compare EDAPHOSAURUS adj [NL Edaphosauridae

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:сору) nu-\ n, usu cap E [after L. nist]: a process for refining or heavier oils) by extraction

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awarded annuaby a professional organization of writers to by a professional organization of writers to authors in various branches of mystery writing redge \ e\_i\ n -s often attrib [ME egge, fr. OE ecg; akin to OS eggia edge of a blade, edge, OHG ecka, ON & OFris egg, L acies sharp edge, point, acer sharp, Gk akmē point, edge, LGk akē point, Skt aśri corner, angle, edge] 1 a : the cutting side of the blade of an instrument (the ~ of an ax) h archaic : an the blade of an instrument (the ~ of an ax) b archaic : an edged weapon or tool C: the sharpness or degree of sharpness of a blade (the sickle has no  $\sim$ ) d (1) obs: ardor or inclination esp. for battle (2): FORCE, EFFECTIVENESS (local resistance blunted the  $\sim$  of radical legislation at Washington): vigor or energy esp. of mind and body (he looked and acted flabby; the ~ of him was gone — Carleton Beals): incisive or penetrating quality (as of thought or expression) (the cutting ~ of Machiavelli's irony — E.R.Bentley): a quality of hardness, harshness, or bite (his voice had an ~ like ice — John Buchan) (your goodness must have an ~ in it — else it is none — R.W. Emerson) (3): keenness or intensity esp. of desire or enjoyment (when they'd taken the ~ off their own hunger - Kenneth Roberts); RELISH, ZEST, SAVOR (flying bombs . . . gave a brilliant ~ of chance to homely days and nights —Audrey Barker): SPUR, STIMULUS (to give more ~ to the contest, he felt for his rival the bitter hate that ... was typically Venetian —T.B.Costain) 2 a the extreme verge or brink (as of a cliff or precipice) b: the crest of a ridge of hills: the escarpment of a plateau 3 a: the line or point where a material object or area begins or ends: BORDER (the town stands on the of a plain) (a smoldering hulk, burned to the water's ~ H. A. Chippendale); also: the portion of the surface of an object or area that is adjacent to its border (walked on the ~ of the deck) b; a point near the beginning or the end (as of an era, condition, subject, or action); a dividing line or line of transition from one state or condition to another: MARGIN — often used in the phrase on the edge (science stood on the of a major theoretical advance) (her body hovered delicately on the last ~ of childhood — Scott Fitzgerald) (many of the ranches . . . are on the  $\sim$  of bankruptcy —H.W. Baldwin) (was on the  $\sim$  of screaming) 4 obs: EDGING, BORDER 5: a terminating border (the  $\sim$  of a tablecloth): a line that is the intersection of two plane faces of a solid object (the  $\sim$ s of a pyramid): the relatively thin surface or side of any object bounded by plane surfaces (the  $\sim$  of a book) 6 a: the inside or outside verge of the blade of a skate b: a skating stroke including appropriate body lean made on one edge of the blade of a skate (a forward inside ~); also: the resultant pattern cut in the ice 7: the privilege in poker of betting last after the other players have revealed their inten-- called also age 8: a favorable margin: ADVANTAGE (had the  $\sim$  on top speed —A.S.Kramer) (the open spaces that gave the suburb...an  $\sim$  over the city — Lewis Mumford) (a decisive ~ in military strength) 9 slang: a condition of being intoxicated: degree of intoxication (got a good ~ on —Ernest Hemingway) Syll see BORDER — on edge: NERVOUS, ANXIOUS, UNEASY (as a conductor . . . he kept the singers uncomfortably on edge -Time> Story on the syntam the syntam of the story edige Will Marge of the

an edge to (asked him to ~ the ax) (hurt resentment edged his wife's voice -G.G.Carter 2 obs: to set (one's teeth) on edge 3 a (1): to finish (an edge) with a binding, band, strip, or trimming  $\langle \sim$  a blouse with lace  $\rangle \langle \sim$  a plywood counter  $\rangle$  (2): to decorate an edge of (as a book) (3): to level an edge of (a rafter); also: to square an edge of b: to serve as a border to: FRINGE (warehouses and terminals ~ the 25-mile waterfront —L.A.Borah): be on an edge of (grew up in a community still edging the wilderness —H.M.Kallen) (now edging sixty, he retains all his vigor) 4 archaic: to urge or egg on 5: to move gradually or by pressing forward edgewise (edged his master out of hearing —George Meredith) (~ him off the road): force (as from a position) by the application of pressure (edging his foes out of every position of influence): Dis-PLACE (machine-made muslins and calicoes have been edging out native-made muslins —John Murra) 6 a : to strike (a bowled ball) in cricket with the edge of the bat b : to incline (a ski) sideways so that one edge cuts into the surface of the snow ~ vi: to move in one direction by degrees (edged over the open plains toward the western extremities of the country -Oscar Handlin) (~ away from his responsibilities); move edgeways (began to ~ along the front of the bureau -Berton Roueché

edgebone var of AITCHBONE

edged \'ejd sometimes 'ejd\ adj 1: having a specified kind of edge, boundary, or border (black-edged) (rough-edged) (scalloped-edged) or number of edges (two-edged) 2: SHARP, CUTTING (an ~ knife): TRENCHANT (an ~ remark) (~

edge effect n 1: the result of the presence of two adjoining plant communities (as in an ecotone) on the numbers and kinds of animals present in the immediate vicinity 2: a special animals present in the immediate vicinity physical condition (as of electric surface density or turbulence) plane)]: having an edge planed adgestitch \'-\ vi : to seam or stitch for c

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edge strip n: a strap for a butt joint in rivete when used for a fore-and-aft joint in a ship edge tone n: a tone produced by an air stre

sharp edge (as in a flute)
edge tool n 1: a tool with a sharp cutting plane, knife, or gouge) 2: a tool for form: edge: an edging tool

edge trim n: a contour (as bevel or round) the edge of a sole

edgewater \'-,-=\ n : water underlying pet bearing sand — compare EDGE WELL

edgeways or edgewise \'\s\_1 \ adv : with th foremost : on, by, or with the edge \( \saw \) as if by an edge : BARELY — chiefly used in word in edgeways (had to raise his voice to
—George Bellairs)

edge well n: a well on the edge of an oil or edge.i-ly \'ejèlē, -li\ adv: in an edgy manner edg-1-ness \'ejēnəs, -jin-\ n -Es 1 : sharpn of outline (the  $\sim$  of a fresh-cut gem —R.C.E

condition of being on edge: NERVOUSNESS edging n -s ['edge + -ing] 1: something the or border: as a : a narrow piece of lace, fri with one straight edge used to finish or dec joining on clothing, upholstery, or curtains plants, wood, metal or bricks used to define bed or lawn) or the material used for such a solid wood squares set into the edge of a protect the veneer d: a narrow rounded strip (as of metal) on the edge of a flat su top or ski) for decoration or protection waste wood produced in edging

edging box n: a dwarf box (Buxus semperticosa) that is used esp. for edging (as arour

edging grinder n: a cutting machine for gr wood

edg-ing-ly adv : little by little : GRADUALLY edgy \'ejë, -ji\ adj -ER/-EST 1: SHARP, EDGED a perceptive, ~ wit -New Yorker \ (the voc occasion was raw and ~—Irving Kolodin).
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of being edible
'ed=b=l\ adj [LL edibilis, fr. L ede.

-ible - more at EAT]: suitable by nature for for human beings: NONPOISONOUS, EATABLE

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its starchy rootstocks — see Tous-LES-MOIS edible dormouse n: any of various commo mice (genus Glis) esp. of the Mediterranean edible frog n: a European frog (Rana escule

edible galingale n: CHUFA
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: a pea of a variety (Pisum sativum macroca pods

edible snail n: a snail used as food (as Hell:

aspersa of Europe)
edict \'ē(,)dikt, 'ēdēkt, archaic ='=\ n -s [L < of edictus, past part, of edicere to declare, dicere to say - more at DICTION] 1 a : a pu by official ecclesiastical or state authority : a or ordinance by the sovereign power: the p law or rule of conduct made by competent a pare DECREE, RESCRIPT b: an order or when suggesting such an official public no won't notice it and issue bitter ~s about slo night) 2: the order of the court in Scots ar law commanding that notice of a pending suit be given to an absent or nonresident dele

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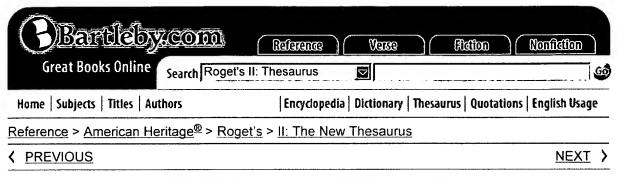


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NOUN: 1. A dominating position, as in a conflict: <a href="advantage">advantage</a>, <a href="better">better</a>, <a href="bulge">bulge</a>, <a href="draw</a>, <a href="draw</a>, <a href="draw</a>) and <a href="draw</a>. Informal: <a href="inside track">inside track</a>, <a href="jump">jump</a>. See OVER. 2. A fairly narrow line or space forming a boundary: <a href="border">border</a>, <a href="border">border</a>line</a>, <a href="border">brim</a>, <a href="border">brim</a>, <a href="border">brink</a>, <a href="border">edging</a>, <a href="fram</a>, <a href="fram</a> are inside track, <a href="jump">jump</a>. See OVER. 2. A fairly narrow line or space forming a boundary: <a href="border">border</a>, <a href="border">border</a> inside track, <a href="jump">jump</a>. See <a href="border">border</a> inside track, <a href="jump">jump</a>. See <a href="pump">See OVER. 2. A fairly narrow line or space forming a boundary: <a href="border">border</a>, <a href="border

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verge. See EDGE.

1. To put or form a border on: border, bound<sup>2</sup>, fringe, margin, rim, skirt, verge. See EDGE.

2. To advance carefully and gradually: ease, sidle. See CAREFUL, MOVE. 3. To introduce gradually and slyly: foist, infiltrate, insinuate, wind<sup>2</sup>, work, worm. See ENTER. 4. To give a sharp edge to: acuminate, hone<sup>1</sup>, sharpen, whet. See SHARP.

beyond which some new action or different state of affairs is likely to begin or

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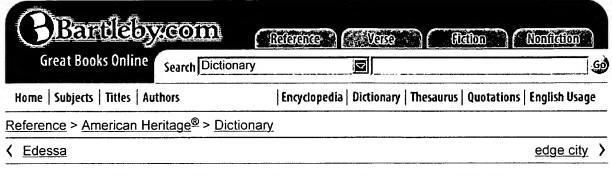
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# edge

PRONUNCIATION:

NOUN: 1a. A thin, sharpened side, as of the blade of a cutting instrument. b. The degree of sharpness of a cutting blade. c. A penetrating, incisive quality: "His simplicity sets off the satire, and gives it a finer edge" (William Hazlitt). d. A slight but noticeable sharpness or harshness: His voice had an edge to it. 2. Keenness, as of desire or enjoyment; zest: The brisk walk gave an edge to my appetite. 3a. The line of intersection of two surfaces: the edge of a brick; the table's rounded edges. b. A rim or brink: the edge of a cliff. c. The point at which something is likely to begin: on the edge of war. 4a. The area or part away from the middle; an extremity: lifted the carpet's edge. b. A dividing line; a border: a house on the edge of town. See synonyms at border. 5. A margin of superiority; an advantage: a slight edge over the opposition. 6. A provocative or discomforting quality, as from audacity or innovativeness: "Over all, the show will have a grittier edge" (Constance C.R. White, New York Times January 2, 1996).

VERB: Inflected forms: edged, edgling, edgles

TRANSITIVE 1a. To give an edge to (a blade); sharpen. b. To tilt (a ski or both skis) in such a way that an edge or both edges bite into the snow. 2a. To put a border or edge on: edged the quilt with embroidery. b. To act as or be an edge of: bushes that edged the garden path. 3. To advance or push slightly or gradually: The dog edged the ball with its nose. 4. To trim or shape the edge of: edge a lawn.

INTRANSITIVE To move gradually or hesitantly: The child edged toward the door.

PHRASAL VERB: edge out To surpass or beat by a small margin: The runner edged her

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Rad Curl Grar Lime Desi Ship Natio www.: opponent out at the last moment.

IDIOMS: on edge Highly tense or nervous; irritable. on the edge 1. In a

precarious position. 2. In a state of keen excitement, as from danger or

risk: "the excitement of combat, of living on the edge" (Nelson

DeMille).

ETYMOLOGY: Middle English egge, from Old English egg. See ak- in Appendix I.

OTHER FORMS: edge'less — ADJECTIVE

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